

when you take them one on one. If you have five people and individually they don't know that one plus one is two, and you put all five of them together, the bringing together of five people who don't know that one plus one is two is not going to make a collective improvement on the intelligence and knowledge and they then know that one plus one is two. How so they know without a teacher? Who is the teacher? We can look at specific issues that have come up on this floor where a very strong position may be taken at one time, then additional information comes and an acknowledgment has to be made, sometimes sheepishly and shamefacedly that the position taken the day before was in error. But now we are dealing with the criminal code. I say again people's rights are going to be affected in a monumental fashion by the provisions of this code. People are going to go to jail. They will be deprived of their liberty. I think if it's under provisions of this code, it will be without due process of law. I don't believe anybody in here can state what the condition and status of the criminal code is right now with the amendments that have been added to it. I believe if somebody was to read all of the amendments to all of the sections of this code, they couldn't make head nor tail of what results and what exists right now. So it's like we're constructing a horse and somebody who knows something about shoeing animals says well, look you've got a horseshoe here and it's not going to work because you've got it, instead of being like a "b", you've got it twisted so it looks like an "s". Even if we put it on, it's upside down on one put and rightside up on the other. Then Senator Barnett says well that doesn't matter because a horse doesn't have a foot anyway. So we can just throw the shoe out and don't worry about that anymore. So we have a three-footed horse that has got four legs and they are not even attached where they belong. This is supposed to be a criminal code? I'm going to tell you how criminal law is interpreted and Senator Luedtke, his jaws are getting tight so I expect him to speak on this matter. He'll take issue with what I'm saying or he'll confirm it. Criminal laws are construed very strictly. They will say no more than what the words indicate and they will not be expanded through interpretation.

SENATOR MARVEL: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But without interpretation, this that has been put together cannot even be understood. They can't read the words of it and say it means thus and so based on the clear ordinary meaning of the words. They say, well this has got to mean such and such if you accept that such and such doesn't in this context mean what it ordinarily means and when we get through then this is what the interpretation probably would be by the court but I can't insure that. So people will stand trial with the possible loss of their freedom on the basis on a piece of legislation that nobody understands. I support Senator Venditte's motion although I doubt that it will carry, because the skids have been greased but think well of what you're doing if you go along with the charade.

SENATOR MARVEL: Senator Reutzel, then Senator Carsten, then Senator Dworak.

SENATOR REUTZEL: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. Over the weekend, I heard Mayor Cunningham of Omaha blast the Legislature for what they did on Friday. I think Senator Venditte mentioned something along the same lines that we were watering